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2 OF JACK CLARY

3 (2:05 p.m.)

4 MR. TYRRELL: It's 10:01 Eastern Time.
5 It's Tuesday, February, the 20th, and I'm talking to
6 Mr. Jack Clary.

7 Mr. Clary, I was wondering if you could
8 just start off by telling me how you arranged to go
9 on the trip above the Greenville.

10 What's the background as far as that?

11 MR. CLARY: I had toured the submarine at
12 its dock the previous day. The Captain had showed
13 me around. We had lunch. My wife and I had lunch
14 in his stateroom, or in his ward room.

15 I was accompanied on this tour also by a
16 representative from the Public Affairs Office of the
17 Pacific Fleet.

18 And at the conclusion of the tour and lunch
19 and all that went with it, Captain Waddle mentioned
20 that he was taking a group on a sail or cruise the
21 following day and asked me if we would care to go
22 along. And I didn't hesitate to say yes.

23

24 Q And on the following day, could you more or

1 less just give me a running narrative starting from
2 the time that you arrived?

3 A Okay, yeah, sure. Captain Waddle sent a
4 driver, one of his crew members, with a car to pick
5 us up at our hotel in Honolulu early in the morning
6 and brought us to the submarine.

7 And we went aboard and, you know, he set
8 sail. We did not accompany the other civilians. My
9 wife and I were by ourselves. We were not
10 affiliated with the other civilians in any way at
11 all. Just the two of us.

12 And we set sail when Captain Waddle decided
13 he would cast off, and rode out of Pearl Harbor. He
14 allowed us to ride the top of the conning tower. We
15 climbed up the stairs up to the very top there and
16 rode, you know, rode out.

17 And then we were there for a bit and then
18 left, went back downstairs into the submarine and
19 were replaced by a couple of others who had the
20 experience of riding on top of the con.

21 The rest of the day, I think we had coffee.

22 And then the captain arranged tours inside the sub,
23 small groups that went to the various stations. We
24 had done that the day before but we went along on
25 some of them.

1 And at the stations, each of the men who
2 had charge of that particular area were there to
3 explain what they did and what the things were
4 about. This was all in the front part of the sub.
5 We did not go to the nuclear power plant nor to the
6 engine room. That was classified, I assume.

7 We didn't go there. We went to the torpedo
8 room. We saw the sonar people. Went to the con
9 and, you know, various people that were working
10 there. And they explained what they all did.

11 And it was a rather very, very leisurely
12 morning. And then we had lunch. He divided the
13 group into two sections. He presided at one group
14 for lunch. Pat, my wife, and I were with that. And
15 I guess his executive officer presided with the
16 second group.

17 And then we, I guess we disbursed for a
18 little bit and kind of relaxed after lunch, and then
19 were invited into the con again while he put the sub
20 through some submerge maneuvers.

21 We were submerged all this time, sure.
22 Whenever he -- he'd seen it when we submerged. I
23 have no idea where we were, when we did it because
24 we were back down in the submarine again.

25 And I assume this is all preordained by the

1 Navy when they do this.

2 But, at any rate, for much of the trip
3 after, you know, after 8 o'clock or 8:30, we ran --
4 once we got out in the Pacific, I guess we ran
5 submerged.

6 And it was very quiet and very peaceful.
7 You hardly knew you were on board anything at that
8 point.

9 After lunch, we had some -- we just kind of
10 sat around and, you know, chatted with the
11 commander, some of the officers and the men.

12 And then, as I said, we were invited into
13 the con. The thing was getting into action at that
14 point. And it ended up Commander Waddle put the
15 submarine through some submerge running tests, turns
16 and things like that.

17 You know, he handled the whole deal with
18 his people there. We stood behind him in the con
19 well out of the way of everything and watched while
20 they went through their routines.

21 And the final one, of course, was the
22 emergency ascent. And he explained what they did
23 and how it would work. And then he asked me if I
24 would care to sit in the right seat, the far right
25 seat.

1 And I said, of course, I said yes. So he
2 said okay. They started to go through all their
3 routines that they do for this thing, and then
4 directed me to sit down.

5 The yeoman got up, I sat down. The yeoman
6 stood over me. And at the appropriate time, his
7 hands were on my hands directing anything I would
8 do. And at the appropriate time for the ascent, you
9 know, he lifted my hands in a motion that we really
10 both lifted the yoke and made the ascent. And that
11 was it.

12 Q Okay. The seat that you were in, what
13 control was it that --

14 A Plane. I think, as I recall, it said
15 "planes and rudder".

16 Q Planes and rudder?

17 A Yeah, it's the far right seat.

18 Q Okay, facing forward, it's on the right.

19 A Correct. That's correct, yes.

20 Q At any time, did you turn it to the left or
21 to the right?

22 A No. No. I don't recall having done that
23 at all.

24 Q Did they give you any verbal instructions
25 beforehand on what you were supposed to do?

1 A Just the point that when it came time, we
2 would pull up on the yoke. That was pretty much it.

3 Q Okay, did they say how far to pull up on
4 the yoke?

5 A No, they didn't. But, that the yeoman
6 directed me, so he would take me up as far as it had
7 to go.

8 Q Do you have any feeling as to whether it
9 went to the full extent of the travel that it could
10 have gone, or was it at some intermediate position?

11 A I figure it went all the way. You know,
12 again, I'm really being directed by his hands.

13 Q So was it the force of this yeoman's hands
14 that actually moved the yoke?

15 A It moved my hands to move it. Yes, I
16 think we both moved together. I mean his and my
17 hands were both pulling up on the thing.

18 Q Now you were seated in the chair, and where
19 was he?

20 A Right over me.

21 Q Was he standing?

22 A Yes, he was standing over me, right.

23 Q You're both facing forward?

24 A He's probably facing sideways.

25 Q Okay. And he was able to put both hands on

1 the yoke?

2 A Pretty much, yes, uh huh, as I recall.
3 And he might have been even a little behind me. I
4 was so much concentrating on what I was supposed to
5 do and, you know, that I really wasn't conscious of
6 what was going on around me except that when we
7 pulled up, we, you know, pulled the thing up.
8 That's what I knew.

9 And I was conscious of his hands on the
10 yoke.

11 Q Okay. And it was your understanding that
12 you were controlling the ascent?

13 A No. I mean I don't know what -- I don't
14 remember what I was doing. I assumed when I saw
15 planes, that it obviously had something to do with
16 surfacing the submarine.

17 Q Okay. Was this the only time that you had
18 any physical contact with any of the controls of the
19 submarine?

20 A No. Earlier that day, as we were just
21 cruising under, submerged, Captain Waddle allowed me
22 to sit there and guide. This was in the left seat,
23 I think, and for just a brief time. Just sit there.

24 There were on just cruising straight ahead.
25 We weren't going any, you know, up and down or

1 anything like that. Just to get -- see what it was
2 like to put my hands on the wheel.

3 Q You didn't actually change its position?

4 A No, no. He said "This is what..." they
5 said, "This is what we're cruising."

6 You know, on the dials, there's a
7 designated -- they're numbers, I think, zero to
8 thirty, zero to thirty. And, you know, "We're
9 staying at this. This is what you keep it at."

10 And so I just put my eyeballs straight
11 ahead on that dial and kept it where they put it.

12 Q Was there a Navy seaman with his hands on
13 the controls at the same time?

14 A I don't recall that there was. There was
15 one -- the guy whose seat I took stood over me.
16 And, you know, he made sure I was doing what I was
17 doing, although he didn't have to be because I
18 locked my eyes and my hands on that one thing. It
19 never moved.

20 Q Did you -- you didn't actually execute any
21 maneuvers?

22 A No, no, not at all.

23 Q Did you see any of the other guests in
24 either of those positions?

25 A I don't recall. Again, I was so locked

1 into what I was doing. And once that was over, I
2 left the con. And so I don't know what happened
3 before or after I got there.

4 Q All right.

5 A And I'd say the time I was there, sitting
6 there, was not more than a couple of minutes.

7 Q Did Commander Waddle give any kind of
8 explanation of what the emergency ascent maneuver
9 was all about before?

10 A Well, as I recall, to the best of my
11 recollection, he said, "This is if there's a
12 problem," in other words, by an aggressor "and we
13 had to get out of there in a hurry," or something to
14 that effect, "this is what we would use."

15 Q Okay. Thinking back to the time when you
16 were seated in the seat right before the maneuver
17 started for the emergency ascent, do you recall
18 whether there was a lot of talking going on in the
19 control room?

20 A No. I thought people -- something like
21 this, all through the time that we were as civilians
22 standing watching what the sub was doing, even
23 before the last maneuver, the group was very
24 attentive.

25 I mean this is something that we never did

1 before, and we're doing what they call angles and
2 dangles, I think he referred to them as.

3 And at that time, we were standing behind
4 him and I was to the right edge of the crowd, I
5 guess. Because he took us through some very tight
6 turns. You know, you had to hang on to the bars or
7 whatever they had there you could hang on to because
8 he put the ship through some very tight maneuvers.

9 And things like that didn't allow for a lot
10 of extraneous conversations. There were a lot of
11 "boos" and "ahhhs", you know, but nothing other than
12 that, where everybody seemed to be focused right in
13 to what he was doing and what the sub was doing.

14 Q Did they more or less find their own places
15 to stand, or did the Navy people direct people to
16 stand in particular locations?

17 A I think we were directed to stand behind
18 him, you know. And there was an area behind him. I
19 think it was like a little raised platform, as I
20 recall it. I'm not sure of that. But, they were
21 all in a group behind him and behind the conning,
22 behind the periscopes, and peering around the
23 periscopes.

24 But, he, it is my recollection, that he and
25 his people on the bridge there had plenty of room to

1 work, were not being pushed aside, or there wasn't
2 people infiltrating their position, or infiltrating
3 the positions of the people who were steering the
4 craft or, you know, pointing over their shoulder,
5 "What's that? What does this do?"

6 That kind of thing. They were all behind
7 the people who were running this.

8 Q Do you recall at any time any of the Navy
9 people who were on watch having to move from one
10 part of the submarine to the other and have to walk
11 around any of the guests?

12 A Do you mean in the con?

13 Q Yes.

14 A No.

15 Q They had free access to all of the
16 equipment as far as you could tell?

17 A As far as I could tell, they did, yes.

18 Q Do you recall any announcements during --
19 just before the -- do you recall going to a
20 periscope maneuver that was before the emergency
21 ascent?

22 A As such, I don't. You know, and I was,
23 you know, I was interested but all these things,
24 these routines, I wasn't familiar with. So I don't
25 know.

1 But, when I sat down, I heard a series of
2 orders and commands and reactions, which I assumed
3 to be the normal responses by the watch as they did
4 their work, you know.

5 Q Right.

6 A And, you know, then more and more I was --
7 I don't recall a period of time of how long I was
8 sitting in that right seat. But, it wasn't very
9 long. I do know that.

10 And the longer, the more I sat there, the
11 closer I paid attention to what was straight ahead,
12 looking straight ahead at the dials and everything,
13 because I knew it was -- it was imminent, you know,
14 and I was really focused in on that.

15 So the voices behind me kind of blurred in
16 my attention and I was more focused on what I was
17 going to do than I was on anything else.

18 Q Do you recall anyone saying anything like
19 "No close contacts"?

20 A No, I don't recall that. I specifically
21 don't recall that.

22 Q Do you recall anybody saying anything like
23 "Emergency deep"?

24 A No, I don't recall that either.

25 Q Okay. All right. So after the emergency

1 blow -- explain to me when you first realized that
2 there was something amiss and what happened after
3 that.

4 A Well, you know, there was a lot of noise
5 on the blow. And I guess that's normal for subs to
6 do all that. I don't know. I'm just, we're pulling
7 back on the yoke and I'm concentrating on that and I
8 hear all this noise.

9 But I did recall a bump, you know, like a
10 thud. And, you know, I didn't know what it was. I
11 had no idea. And I just thought could it be the
12 normal course of noises that the submarines make
13 when they break the surface or when they're doing
14 something like this.

15 And it wasn't until I heard somebody -- and
16 I assume it was Commander Waddle -- say:

17 "Christ, what the hell was that?"

18 Q Right.

19 A And then a couple of seconds elapsed and
20 somebody said, "I think we might have hit
21 something," you know. And then the sub kind of
22 settled back.

23 And, again, I'm more concentrating on what
24 -- on holding on to that yoke than I am anything.
25 And, shortly thereafter, within seconds thereafter,

1 the yeoman just pretty much tossed me out of the
2 seat, just pushed me out, you know, so he could sit
3 down and begin to do -- resume what he had to do
4 with his hands on.

5 And that was it.

6 Q Okay. And did you remain in the controls?

7 A No, they ushered us out very quickly
8 thereafter, within a minute or less even, I guess.

9 Q Where did you go?

10 A We went first to the crews mess for about
11 maybe five or so minutes. And then, since that was
12 becoming a beehive of activity, they were beginning
13 to bring rope ladders and things like that and life
14 jackets and all the stuff that they need in
15 emergency procedures, they took us down to the
16 torpedo room, where there was not so much activity,
17 and allowed us just to wait there. We were
18 obviously out of the way of everything.

19 Q Did you -- I understand that there was a
20 video display in the crews mess. Did you --?

21 A I saw a glimpse of that, yes. Uh-huh. It
22 showed the Japanese ship in trouble in the sense
23 that it was down at the water line. The water was
24 almost up to a railing, I guess.

25 But, it heaved, you know, and then it would

1 go back up. And it looked like it was okay. And
2 then it would go back down. So, you know, it was,
3 you know, I was -- right away, you knew there was
4 trouble. That somebody was in trouble.

5 But, that was -- we didn't see much of
6 that.

7 Q Okay. So you went to the torpedo room
8 after there.

9 A Yes.

10 Q Did you hear, do you recall, any of the
11 announcements that came in over the intercom, or
12 were you given any kind of periodic updates?

13 A We were given periodic -- I didn't hear
14 any announcements, quite frankly. And I don't
15 recall. Now there might have been, but I don't
16 recall them.

17 But, the group of civilians, the other
18 civilians to which we were not attached -- in other
19 words, the other group -- came in. They had a Navy
20 Liaison Officer with them. Captain Brandhuber, I
21 guess his name was. He was the Chief of Staff COM
22 SUBPAC.

23 And he would come down and fill us in
24 periodically, tell us what was happening. And that
25 was the only information we were getting, pretty

1 much.

2 Q Okay, did the Captain, Commander Waddle,
3 ever come in and address --?

4 A Well, later in the afternoon. I assumed
5 he was just busy, you know, running everything.
6 But, later in the afternoon when I guess things were
7 a little more stable, he came down and talked to us.

8 And for the life of me, I can't recall
9 whether he said there'd been a collision. He might
10 have and I don't want to say he did or he didn't
11 because I don't really remember.

12 But, he kind of said that, you know,
13 everything was okay. The sub is not in danger.
14 We're fine as far as from a structural standpoint,
15 and we are -- you are perfectly safe. And, you
16 know, reassured us that everything was under
17 control.

18 Q Did he say anything at all about, or do you
19 recall anything about rescue operations that were or
20 were not going to be conducted?

21 A No, he did not address that -- as I
22 recall. As I -- I don't recall that he did. And I
23 don't recall-- a lot of the stuff of rescue
24 operations was after the fact, that, you know, I saw
25 them take out gear.

1 They took some out. They have some of it
2 stashed away down in the torpedo room. Some of the
3 sailors came in and got stuff out of there. There
4 were ropes. And took it up topside.

5 But I don't know what they did with it,
6 what it was used for. There was a sailor who
7 appeared to be one of the guys who would go in the
8 water if need be. He had kind of swimming attire
9 on.

10 And --

11 Q Like a wet suit?

12 A No, it was more like swimming trunks,
13 really.

14 Q Oh.

15 A Short khaki pants. And that was about it.

16 Q So did anything else happen that you think
17 might be germane between that time and the time that
18 you got off the submarine?

19 A No. Not -- you know, again, we were down
20 there for -- and I don't know how long. And it was
21 very emotional down there. People, you know, when
22 we were finally told -- first, we were told
23 everything was okay, that, you know, that they had
24 gotten everybody off the other ship.

25 And then a little bit later, they had to

1 rescind that and saying there was some unaccounted
2 for. And that kind of -- that upset several of the
3 group, you know, to the point of tears.

4 So remembering that this group was 50
5 percent men and 50 percent women.

6 Q Right.

7 A And so a couple of the women -- and I
8 don't -- you know, you can understand they kind of
9 broke down. We were all in a state of shock.

10 We knew there was something that was going
11 on that was serious, you know, and that this was not
12 anything we had looked forward to happening,
13 obviously.

14 And we were pretty down. It was a pretty
15 down group. We were caught up, I guess, in our own
16 private emotions of this thing. And none of them
17 were positive.

18 You know, we didn't know what really had
19 happened. We didn't know what the aftermath was for
20 a while. So there was not a pleasant -- for the
21 rest of the time that we were, things were very --
22 very quiet, very solemn.

23 We were later taken from the torpedo room,
24 taken topside. My wife went in the cabin of the
25 executive. They said, "You can go in there, into

1 these cabins, that they're open, and sit if you wish
2 to."

3 We sat in the cabin of the executive
4 officer for a while and he came in and got something
5 out of there. I don't know what he got.

6 And then he said, "If you wish, you can go
7 into the ward room." So we said, "Well, that's
8 where we ought to go."

9 So we went into the ward room and sat,
10 stayed there for the rest of the evening. The Navy
11 liaison officer came in at some point and said,
12 "We're not returning to Pearl Harbor, we're going to
13 stay on search and rescue. And you're going to have
14 to stay out there."

15 And that they set aside an area that we
16 could sleep from the crews quarters and sleep, stay
17 for the night, and we would go back into Pearl
18 Harbor on Saturday morning at some point and we
19 would be taken off the submarine, I think.

20 Q Did anyone -- did you or did anyone within
21 your hearing ask any of the Navy people what
22 happened or why it happened?

23 A I think some people did, I guess. Again,
24 some of them had little private hushed conversations
25 with some people. But, I didn't. You know, we were

1 told there had been a collision and that they were
2 trying as best they could to do, to get everything
3 squared away.

4 But, other than that, there were no other
5 conversations that I was privy to at all, really.

6 MR. TYRRELL: Okay. Good enough. Is there
7 anything else you think that might be important that
8 we haven't discussed?

9 MR. CLARY: Well, only an impression, Don,
10 and that was that the crew and Captain Waddle went
11 about their -- from all that we could see, you know,
12 for what limited observation we had once this thing
13 broke -- that they were very professional.

14 And there was no running around screaming,
15 shouting or anything. These men seemed to know
16 exactly what they were supposed to do and how to do
17 it.

18 Obviously, they had been drilled this way.

19 And everything, they turned from, you know, the
20 mode of showing off the submarine advantages
21 underwater, which is probably SOP, into a, you know,
22 a real tightly run rescue operation.

23 It was very instructive in the fact that
24 this was a well-trained crew.

25 MR. TYRRELL: Well, I appreciate you taking

1 the time to talk to me. Would it be possible to
2 have you put your wife on, and then maybe I can go
3 through the same thing again?

4 MR. CLARY: Sure. Sure, she's right here.

5 MR. TYRRELL: All right.

6 MR. TYRRELL: Would you hold on a moment?

7 MR. TYRRELL: Sure.

8 MR. CLARY: Thank you.

9 (Tape paused.)

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MR. TYRRELL: I'm turning my tape recorder on now and it's 10:26 Eastern Time. It's Tuesday, February the 20th and I'm talking to Mrs. Clary.

What I would like for you to do is pretty much the same thing that your husband just did and just take me through your day, what you did from the time that you arrived at the submarine base in Pearl Harbor until the time that you returned.

MRS. CLARY: Okay. On Friday morning, the Navy man picked us up at our hotel in Honolulu and drove us out to the submarine.

We boarded the submarine and went down I believe to the board room. And other people were there who we had never met before. That was the other group.

And as Jack said, his recollections are probably a lot clearer than mine because it was a totally new experience for me to do anything like that.

And having done the tour the day before, we did do -- we did tag on to different tours when they went around, and so on.

1 And as Jack said, you know, we were in
2 smaller groups and we kind of were at the end of the
3 group because these people hadn't been on before.
4 And we just went to the different areas as we had
5 the day before and listened, and so on.

6 A lot of it was very technical so,
7 truthfully, I wasn't keying in on all that
8 information, because it didn't have a heck of a lot
9 of meaning to me other than the fact it was very,
10 very technical and very important, so on and so on.

11 Then we went down and had lunch in the ward
12 room. After that then I guess they were doing their
13 maneuvers. And we were up in that conning room. I
14 was way over to the side. I wasn't involved, you
15 know.

16 At any rate, you know, they went through
17 their maneuvers and so on. And it was just very
18 different, very interesting. It was very exciting
19 considering the kind of submarine we were on. And
20 that did interest me.

21 But, you know, I was kind of, you know,
22 looking around and taking everything in, but not
23 necessarily absorbing everything that was going on.

24 MR. TYRRELL: I understand.

25 MRS. CLARY: Just knew there was a lot of

1 action going on and screens and all that, you know,
2 the things that they were working on and everything.

3 But, at any rate, and then Jack sat down as
4 we were coming up after we'd done a series of
5 maneuvers and so on. He sat down.

6 And, truthfully, rather than listening to
7 what was going on, I was kind of just keying in on
8 him being in that seat, you know.

9 MR. TYRRELL: Yeah.

10 MRS. CLARY: And thinking what, you know,
11 that it was really quite an experience.

12 And then when the noise, we heard that
13 noise, you know, everything kind of moved very
14 quickly. As Jack said, he was out of the seat. We
15 went -- they took us down to the crews mess, kept us
16 there for a very short period of time.

17 And because there was a lot of action going
18 back and forth through the passageways. So then
19 they took us down after a short period of time down
20 to the torpedo room where we stayed.

21 And, actually, Jack and I were separated a
22 little bit, by ourselves. We didn't really talk, to
23 be very honest with you, because I think the impact
24 of what had happened was -- I don't know that we
25 even realized it at that point, but we were just

1 very shaken by the whole thing.

2 And just, you know, sort of waited until we
3 were given information. And there really wasn't
4 anything else that we could do.

5 And it was very somber, and everyone was
6 very, very quiet. There were some, you know, as
7 Jack said, there were some small conversations
8 because some of these people knew each other.

9 But, we had, you know, we had nothing
10 really much to say to anybody. Everybody was just
11 stunned by it.

12 And then they, at one point, they told us
13 that we were going to be staying overnight on the
14 sub. And, you know, we just, we were just well
15 taken care of. We were kept all together from then
16 on.

17 Q Let me go back a little bit to at any
18 time, were you given an opportunity --

19 A Yes. Yes, I was. Go ahead, finish your
20 question.

21 Q -- to operate any of the controls on the
22 submarine?

23 A I was. At one point, when we were down,
24 you know, on the base of the ocean or whatever, one
25 of the -- some -- one of the, you know, someone

1 said, "Would you like to work this thing?"

2 And I said, "Well, I don't know."

3 He said, you know, "It's fine. I'll be
4 with you."

5 So I sat down I think in the left, the far
6 left chair for no more than two minutes because it
7 wasn't my thing, you know. I just, you know.

8 Q Right.

9 A And he was there with me and it was again
10 keeping the bubble at that certain line, and which
11 he did with me. And then I got up and moved out of
12 the way, and I don't know who else came in, or if
13 anybody did.

14 Q Was that the same seat that your husband
15 had sat?

16 A No, I was on the other side, the other
17 end.

18 Q Okay, so you were, facing forward, you were
19 on the left chair?

20 A Yes, that's correct. But it wasn't for
21 more than two minutes, or three at the most.

22 Q During that time, did you move the controls
23 at all?

24 A Oh, just, you know, if the bubble went up
25 or down. The man had his hands on mine, too.

1 Q The whole time?

2 A Yeah. Yeah. And, uh, because I would
3 have wanted that anyway. You know, but they
4 wouldn't have let me do it anyway because, you know,
5 as I said, I was just a guest there.

6 But, at any rate, I was just there for a
7 very brief time. Probably, quite a while before we
8 surfaced.

9 Q Do you remember when they came to periscope
10 depth?

11 A Do I remember when that --? I remember
12 hearing "periscope check". I remember hearing that.

13 Q Okay, can you tell me what was going on
14 around that time, as you can recall?

15 A Oh, I really, you know, I don't know. I
16 was just looking all around. There was so much
17 going -- I'm sure, you know, the Captain was giving
18 numbers and things like that, whatever.

19 I wasn't really paying attention to what he
20 was saying but I do remember when the periscope went
21 up and there were two swipes that I was aware of.

22 Q Two? And do you know who was at the
23 periscope at that time?

24 A I really -- I -- I think -- I think, I
25 don't know. I think it was the Captain and the

1 Exec, but I'm not sure.

2 Q Okay. And did each one of them take two?

3 A I don't know. I wasn't looking at them.

4 Q Okay.

5 A They were behind me. I was over to the
6 right side and I just, you know, knew that something
7 was going on, but I honestly do not know...

8 Q Some of the people that I have talked to
9 recall that you had a flat screen video display at
10 this time.

11 A Where would that have been?

12 Q I am not exactly sure where it was. But it
13 apparently showed the view from the periscope.

14 A Oh. I didn't see that.

15 Q Okay.

16 A I don't recall seeing it.

17 Q Okay. When you were in the control room,
18 can you tell me how was it lighted?

19 A Not brightly but, you know, you could see.
20 You could see panels and things like that.

21 Q Could you have read a newspaper?

22 A I don't know. I really couldn't tell you.
23 I don't know. I mean I wasn't even really aware of
24 that at that point to, you know.

25 Q But, do you recall whether it was lighted

1 like an office might be lighted?

2 A It wasn't as bright as an office.

3 Q Okay, so it was a little dimmer than that?

4 A Hum.

5 Q All right. But, you could see -- could you
6 see...

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9 Q -- about the time that the emergency ascent
10 was going on, was there a lot of, uh, discussion or
11 chatter?

12 A Not really because, you know, we were
13 feeling the pull, you know. And so I, I mean, we
14 were concentrating on just maintaining our balance,
15 and so on.

16 And there really wasn't -- you know, a few
17 people might have said "Whoo", or something like
18 that. But, that was it. There was, as far as I was
19 concerned, I didn't hear any discussion or talking
20 or whatever.

21 Q Okay. Was there any moving about from
22 place to place?

23 A No, not during those maneuvers. I didn't
24 -- I wasn't aware of any. I mean I didn't move.

25 Q And you say you were located on the right

1 side?

2 A Way to the right, yeah. On the edge of
3 that platform, hanging on to there was a pull over
4 there.

5 Q Okay, were you near where your husband --

6 A Yeah, he was right behind me for the whole
7 thing until he moved up to that chair.

8 Q Could you have reached out and touched him
9 while he was in the chair?

10 A No. Huh-uh, I could not.

11 Q Were you over by where the sonar room is?

12 A Yes. The room with the curtain hanging
13 down?

14 Q Right.

15 A Yeah. That was pretty much ahead of me,
16 yeah. But I was back behind -- there's like a
17 little platform there and I was just standing on
18 that, trying to stay out of the way actually.

19 Q Were you told where to stand?

20 A No, but we knew that they didn't want us
21 in their way. And everyone kind of stepped out of
22 the way so they wouldn't be in anybody's way.

23 Q Okay.

24 A And I'm sure had we been in anyone's way,
25 we would have been told to move.

1 Q All right. When you had the -- can you
2 kind of step me through what happened from the
3 beginning of the emergency ascent, for the rest of
4 the story while you were on board the submarine?

5 A Okay. They moved us out after the bump,
6 after we felt the bump. They moved everybody out.
7 We went to the -- immediately, we went down to the
8 crews mess. We were accompanied by somebody. I
9 don't know who really brought us down. One of the
10 crew members.

11 Brought us down and we sat there. We were
12 there for a few minutes and it was -- we viewed just
13 -- we could see the ship in the water. You know,
14 the Japanese ship in the water, on the screen.

15 Q What did you see?

16 A Well, I just saw basically the ship was
17 still afloat at that point. And I really, you know,
18 I just was not keying in on too much. I was, you
19 know, very concerned, and so on.

20 But, they moved us out very quickly
21 afterwards, in less than ten minutes, I would say,
22 of the collision. They moved us. They told us they
23 were going to move us downstairs, or down below --
24 I'm saying downstairs -- down below to the torpedo
25 room.

1 And so we all went down there and that's
2 where we stayed until Captain -- I forget his name,
3 the man who was on board with the other group -- he
4 came down and he pretty much kept us informed every
5 so often about what was going on.

6 You know, we were -- everybody was very,
7 very upset, of course. So, you know, paying
8 attention to details is not something that we were
9 doing at that point.

10 At least, certainly it wasn't what I was
11 doing at that point.

12 Q What were some of the things that this
13 Captain was telling you when he came down?

14 A Some of the things? Well, he'd try to
15 give a report. He'd just try to give us the status
16 of what the situation was.

17 Q Do you recall what the status reports were?

18 A Well, first, he told us that they thought
19 they had everybody. And then, in a little while, he
20 came back and told us that there were I think
21 twenty-six they had spotted in the boats -- he
22 didn't even say.

23 He just said there were twenty-six, I
24 think, and there were nine missing.

25 And, you know, of course, we were all, "Oh,

1 my goodness," you know, "this is terrible."

2 And then he said he'd keep us informed of
3 what happened.

4 And then, after a while, oh, I don't know
5 how long it was, to tell you the truth, the time, it
6 was a while, they brought us back up to the crews
7 mess, I guess it was.

8 Wasn't it, Jack, the crews mess?

9 And we were there for a while. And then
10 we, Jack and I, went up to the Exec's quarters
11 because, you know, we were all kind of -- our
12 stomachs were feeling a little funny, too, because
13 we'd been bounced around a little bit, you know.

14 Q Right.

15 A And so we went, Jack and I went up there
16 and sat for a long time. And, you know, we sort of
17 just sat. We didn't really talk very much.

18 The Exec came through once and got
19 something out, I guess, that he needed, and left
20 again.

21 Q He didn't say anything?

22 A Well, no. He just -- I said, "I hope
23 we're not interfering with, you know, something you
24 need. Do you need us to leave?"

25 And he said, "No, no, you stay right here."

1 That kind of conversation. That was all.

2 And then, in a little while, Jack and I
3 went down to the ward room because they said that
4 everybody was in the ward room at that point.

5 Q Do you recall anybody either asking the
6 Navy or anybody from the Navy explaining what had
7 happened, or why it had happened?

8 A No, but I don't think anybody knew why it
9 happened. Nobody told us why it happened.

10 Q Okay.

11 A And they just told us that we were going
12 to stay overnight in the sub because they wanted to
13 continue the search and rescue.

14 And that was basically all they said until
15 the next morning when we woke up and went upstairs.

16 And then they just told us that it was going to be
17 9:30 or 10 when they came, and that they were going
18 to pick us up on a tender of some sort because there
19 was all kinds of media already.

20 Q Right.

21 A Which is exactly what happened. We
22 climbed up and we got up on that, you know, that
23 tender and went in and then went into a room, you
24 know, on the base where the Admiral spoke to us.

25 Q Okay. Someone had called and reported to

1 us that alcohol had been served to the guests.

2 A No way. There is no way.

3 Q Okay.

4 A I don't know who would ever get an idea
5 like that. There was nothing. We had iced tea,
6 lemonade and water.

7 Q Okay.

8 A And that was it. Pitchers and that was
9 it. It was available in the evening. It was
10 available at lunch. It was available for the next
11 morning, they had. In fact, we had all missed
12 breakfast, as a matter of fact, by the time we got
13 up. So there was just lemonade and iced tea
14 available, or coffee. If you wanted coffee.

15 There was nothing. And I would swear on a
16 bible there was no alcohol.

17 MR. TYRRELL: All right. That's fine. I
18 just had to ask the question.

19 MRS. CLARY: Yes, I understand.

20 MR. TYRRELL: Is there anything else that
21 sticks in your mind that you think might be
22 important to our investigation?

23 MRS. CLARY: Well, the only thing that I
24 can say is that it seemed to me that everything went
25 like clockwork on that boat. And that everyone

1 seemed to know what they were doing.

2 I can't -- my heart is broken for the
3 people who lost their lives. And my heart is broken
4 for the crew and the Captain because, you know, it
5 was just a dreadful accident, you know.

6 MR. TYRRELL: Right.

7 MRS. CLARY: But, other than that, I can't
8 add anything more.

9 MR. TYRRELL: Well, I appreciate you and
10 your husband both taking time out of your day to
11 talk to me.

12 MRS. CLARY: Did Jack mention he wants to
13 speak to you again before I hang up.

14 MR. TYRRELL: All right.

15 MRS. CLARY: But, we're on our way home and
16 we will be home, we hope, tomorrow night.

17 Okay, I'm going to put Jack on, okay?

18 MR. TYRRELL: All right. And, thank you,
19 once again.

20 MRS. CLARY: You're quite welcome.

21 (TAPE CONCLUDED.)